GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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Special Study Centres of IGNOU
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) has established Special Study Centres for the benefit of disabled, Scheduled Caste (SC)/ Scheduled Tribe (ST), women, Other Backward Classes (OBCs) and other minority community students and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is aware that IGNOU is cancelling/suspending operations of many such Special Study Centres without any prior notice causing a lot of difficulties to the said disadvantaged students; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY)

(a) to (c): As per the information furnished by Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), the university has established 697 Special Study Centres for the benefit of disadvantaged learners across 56 Regional Centres in the Country. The details are provided in the table below:

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S.No. Category No. of Special Study Centres
1 SC/ST 62
2 Physically Handicapped 109
3 Rural Areas 283
4 Women 33
5 Jail Inmates 137
6 Slum 03
7 Economically and Educationally Backward Block (EEBB) 25
8 Minorities 45
Total 697
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Further, the University has informed that it is committed towards the needs of the disadvantaged learners and has no plans for cancelling/ suspending operations of any Special Study Centre without prior notice.

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